

OVING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday, 29th May 2019 in Oving Jubilee Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr. R. Hague, Cllr. S. Schuyleman, Cllr. L Smith, Cllr. M. Wright, District Cllr. C. Page, Miss R Palmer (Clerk), Mrs S. O’Keefe, Mr K. O’Keefe and nine members of the public.

1	Apologies for absence.	Action
	The meeting started at 6.45pm. Apologies were received from Cllr. R. Hague, Cllr. D. Marston and County Cllr. S. Oakley. All apologies were accepted.	
2	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct.	
	There were none.	
3	Issues raised by members of the public for discussion with Council Members (up to 15 minutes).	
	A member of the public raised concern regarding the sale of some land at Ham Farm citing the nature of the future use of the land as their main concern.	
4	Urgent items (not on the Agenda but to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman, noted or included on a future Agenda).	
	There were none.	
5	To consider a licence application from Wild Wood Events Ltd at Holly Tree Field Park Farm for the sale of alcohol, performance of a play, exhibition of a films , performance of dance, performance of live music, playing of recorded music & provision of late-night refreshment for a maximum of 28 days per year, and to decide upon and agree any representation from Oving Parish Council.	
	<p>Mrs O’Keefe (SO’K) advised that the licence application was for one festival a year to be held in August plus addition private/corporate events such as weddings and glamping parties. SO’K advised that the festival is an art festival aimed at families, not a music festival and that the festival area would be fenced. SO’K advised that there would not be a stage present at the festival and that only light acoustic music with an amplifier would be played and music at private/corporate events is likely to be a disco or small band playing and that CDC would place sound level conditions on the licence to protect local residents. SO’K advised that future festivals will be capped at 2500 attendees and private/corporate events at 250 attendees but accepted that the licence was for a potential 4999 attendees. SO’K advised that the first entrance to the field (travelling from Oving) would be for exhibitors and emergency vehicles, the second entrance not used and the third entrance (nearest to Aldingbourne) for the public to enter and exit. SO’K advised that for any event over 500 attendees she would use a Safety Advisory Group who are based in Chichester to review her plans before and post the event and a traffic management Company to manage all traffic but that any event under 500 attendees would only require an internal risk assessment to be carried out. SO’K advised that in foul weather she would be using a metal road for the entrances to the fields but would have to cancel an event in extreme foul weather conditions. SO’K advised that the licence would also cover the sale of alcohol at any event.</p> <p>Members of the public and Councillors expressed concerns regarding the lack of consideration of the local community, the safety of road users at the event, especially those on foot or bicycles at the larger events, the lack of traffic management, insufficient security on site, the safety of adjacent fields especially those with livestock, the potential for non-ticket holders to access the site over fields to the north of the site and the potential damage to ancient woodland which Wild Wood Events intend to use for certain activities.</p> <p>Cllr. Hague thanked Mr and Mrs O’Keefe for their input and requested that they continue dialogue with the Parish Council as the licence and events planning progresses.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. Schuyleman and seconded by Cllr. Wright the Clerk was asked to submit the following comments.</p> <p><i>Oving Parish Council met last night to consider the above-mentioned licence application. Prior to that meeting the Council was made aware of the representation from Tangmere Parish Council which we support in full. Whilst the proposed site is not within Oving Parish itself the site does border our Parish to the South. Therefore Oving Parish Council would like to make the following representations.</i></p>	Clerk

	<p><i>1. Crime and Disorder</i> <i>Whilst we acknowledge the Event Safety Management Plan, the risk to wildlife and livestock within our own Parish remains a concern with the potential impact from noise and human activity being of most concern.</i></p> <p><i>2. Public Safety</i> <i>The greatest uncertainty concerning public safety is that of the increased traffic within our Parish, especially whilst entering and leaving the site. The number of attendees is questionable and therefore requires careful consideration. The level of security and staffing both on-site and managing the traffic should be dictated by the number of tickets available for the event, not just the number of tickets sold through the website. It is understood that tickets will still be available to be purchased upon arrival, therefore it is impossible to determine the final number of attendees prior to the event, making the prior planning of staffing and security personnel impossible. The number of tickets for any event should be limited to a level that this rural setting can accommodate without risk which we do not accept to be 4999 - 2500 or less is more in keeping.</i></p> <p><i>3. Public Nuisance.</i> <i>The hours proposed for events in general are antisocial and simply inappropriate for a rural, unspoilt area such as this. In respect of residents of the Parishes of Oving, Tangmere and Aldingbourne, the hours permitted for both live and recorded music should be restricted to 11pm, particularly on a Sunday night. The issue isn't simply the hour at which music and other entertainment ceases, it is then the issue of noise relating to settling for the night or vacating the site which will continue long after the end-defining hour. Oving Parish is regularly plagued by noise from Goodwood which is considerably further than the proximity of this proposed site. Finally, noise levels should be regulated to be no more than those considered acceptable by the WHO regulations which have been documented to harm human health and interfere with people's daily activities at school, at work, at home and during leisure time.</i></p> <p><i>I trust that the Council's representation will be taken into consideration.</i></p>	
15	Next Meetings:	
	<p>The next OPC Full Council meeting will be held on Thursday 27th June 2019 starting at 6.45pm The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 20th June 2019 starting at 6.45pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: